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GENERAL MILES WILL STAY.

A few days ago, President Roosevelt was determined to dismiss General Miles, despite the fact that a majority of the cabinet, as well as a majority of the leading senators, opposed such an act. Numerous prominent Republicans advised Roosevelt that the move would injure the party, but nothing would dissuade him until Senator Hawley brought him up standing by telling him that if he retires Miles, the army-appropriation bill will not pass. This threat brought Teddy to his senses, and he said he'd study the matter over.

The trouble with Roosevelt is that he imagined he was the whole thing; but he has discovered that there are others.

"STAGGERS HUMANITY."

Om Paul Kruger said the cost of the war in South Africa would stagger humanity. Up to date, the cost to Great Britain, in cash, is over eight hundred million (nearly a billion) dollars, and the deficit is about \$235,000,000.

BANK DEPOSITS DECREASING.

According to the reports of the various state and private banks of Kansas which have just been received by the bank commissioner, the bank deposits are decreasing.

DEWEY WON'T BE THERE.

Fred Funston is to be banqueted at Denver, May 1st. Admiral Dewey received an invitation, and he replied that he does not intend to visit Denver at this time.

A WICHITA joint-keeper bought eight cases of liquor of a Kentucky firm. He refused to pay for them, and alleged that he was running an illegal business, and that the Kentucky firm aforesaid knew that he was running an illegal business when they sold him the liquor, and they ought not to recover. The joint-keeper won his case in the district court, but lost out in the supreme court, which held that the Kentucky firm could recover. This is a mighty queer law. We had always supposed that any one claiming the protection of the law must come into court with clean hands, but it seems that a foreign liquor dealer can enter into a conspiracy with a joint-keeper to violate the Kansas law, and that he will be protected if the joint-keeper turns out to be a rascal and tries to do him. Kansas needs a good, thorough house-cleaning, and a mighty good place to commence the business would be with her supreme court.—Kansas Democrat.

THE Vienna newspapers are publishing dispatches referring to the charges against the conduct of American soldiers in the Philippines. The Vaterland says: "The American action appears to be doubly horrible when it is remembered that America waged war with Spain in the name of humanity."

FRED FUNSTON has been having a running off at the mouth again. He says the trouble with Senator Hoar is that he is suffering from an over-heated conscience. Nothing of the kind will ever bother little Wind-Bag Funston: he never had a conscience.

MAJ OCTAVIUS L. PRUDEN, one of the assistant secretaries to the president, died, Monday, from an affection of the heart; aged 60 years. He had occupied a confidential position at the White House for many years.

THE WATER CURE IN THE PHILIPPINES

[Air "Marching Through Georgia"]

Get the good, old syringe, boys, and fill it to the brim.
We've caught another "nigger" and we'll operate on him—
Let some one take the handle who can work it with a vim,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom.

CHORUS.

Hurrah! Hurrah! We bring the jubilee;
Hurrah! Hurrah! The flag that makes him free!
Shove in the nozzle deep and let him taste of liberty,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom.

We've come across the bounding main to kindly spread around
Sweet liberty wherever there are rebels to be found—
Come, hurry with the syringe, boys we've got him down and bound
Shouting the battle cry of freedom.

Oh pump it in him till he swells up like a toy balloon!
The fool pretends that liberty is not a precious boon.
But we'll contrive to make him see the beauty of it soon,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom.

Keep the piston going boys, and let the banner wave.
The bannes that floats proudly o'er the noble and the brave,
Keep on until the squirt-gun breaks or he explodes, the slave—
Shouting the battle cry of freedom.

CHORUS

Hurrah! Hurrah! We bring the jubilee;
Hurrah! Hurrah! The flag that makes you free!
We've got him down, so let us yump him full of liberty,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom. S. E. KISER.

THE GREATEST TEACHER OF THE NATION.

He is John D. Rockefeller.

Editorial from Hearst's Chicago American.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller reminds the world of his existence at this moment by giving \$250,000 to Barnard College for Women—and by compelling or inducing others to give \$250,000 more.

It must be said for Mr. Rockefeller that what he takes away through an ingenious display of force and skill combined, he occasionally gives back to the people very intelligently.

Mr. Rockefeller has given many millions to the cause of education.

Whatever you may think of his way of getting the millions, you cannot deny him gratitude for the motive and intelligence which direct his gifts.

Mr. Rockefeller's money does much for education. Mr. Rockefeller himself is a great national educator.

If he gave a hundred millions a week to the cause of education for a whole year, he could not do as much in the long run for the people of the United States as he is actually doing in his daily business life.

He is teaching the power and importance of industrial organization.

The American people—before Rockefeller arrived—had very primitive ideas about handling a great industry.

There were thousands of middle men making their little profits and paying their employes as little as possible.

Oil was dear. Rockefeller comes along, wipes out the thousands of middle men, makes them all work, as they SHOULD work, organizes oil production, builds huge pipe lines.

He appropriates to himself a thousand million dollars of the wealth that God has given to the nation. But he makes oil cheap, and he teaches a lesson in industrial organization.

The railroads are simply the feeders, the carriers, the messengers of industry. They should be controlled. The people, however, have no idea how to control the railroads.

But John D. Rockefeller knows how to control the railroads.

The people owning the nation and owning the railroads ought to establish their own rates on the railroads. They don't know how to do this.

But John D. Rockefeller knows how to establish his own rates on the railroads.

Rockefeller does not go, hat in hand, to the railroad managers, as does the average poor farmer or manufacturer, asking, "Will you kindly carry my goods, and how much will you charge?"

ROCKEFELLER sends for the railroad manager. He arrives with HIS hat in HIS hand. Rockefeller says to the railroad manager:

"I will allow you to carry so much freight for me on such and such conditions, and I will pay you so much. That's all. Go away."

The manager goes away and does as he is told, obeying all orders, including the order not to carry anybody else's oil in opposition to Rockefeller.

The people of the United States elect, and they OUGHT to control, their representatives in congress and in the various state legislatures. They don't know how to control these law-makers.

But Rockefeller knows how to control the people's representatives.

He defeats them when they come up for reelection if they oppose his will. He never forgets to REWARD them if they serve him faithfully. He never ceases to hound them if they attack his interests. In that, he teaches a splendid lesson to the people. They might just as well control their representatives as Rockefeller does—defeating the unfaithful and rewarding the faithful—but they don't know enough. Rockefeller is teaching them.

We are grateful to-day to the reckless pirates whose courage gave the first great start to navigation.

The merchant dealing honestly travels in the wake of pirate craft that were first to risk the open sea. The intelligent merchant whose ships sail safely to-day is grateful to those old pioneer pirates.

The people of the future will be grateful to John D. Rockefeller, the bold, original, capable and useful pioneer pirate of industry.

He organized a great industry—for himself.

He controlled railroads—for himself.

He controlled legislatures—for himself.

But, consciously or unconsciously, he is teaching the people of the world how to do all these things—for themselves.

The strict duty of the people and of newspapers is to watch Mr. Rockefeller and control

Buy a "Minnie" Binder,

Which uses

American Grass Twine,

and SAVE ONE-THIRD the cost on your twine bill.

American Grass Twine is an American product. There's no tariff on it. It is to your interest to see us before you give an order for a binder. We will save you nearly the cost of your machine by the time it is worn out, in the cost of twine. This is the only sure cure for the twine trust.

J. J. Anderson.

North side.

Garnett.

him as far possible—in the only way possible, through the power of public opinion.

But, while he deserves watching, he also deserves gratitude, in the broadest sense.

Time to Call a Halt On "Merger" Craze.

Special to St. Louis Republic.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 19.—"Merger, so-called, has gone far enough. It is time somebody or something called a halt, else who can tell how far out Caesar's ambitions may lead."

This was one of several unmistakable utterances, delivered in his room at the Annex, by M. E. Ingalls, president of the Big Four and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroads.

"Should the Western crops fail or shrink this year," continued Mr. Ingalls, "the railroad earnings will fall off, economies will be practiced, purchases such as steel will be postponed; manufacturers, in turn, will feel the effects, and so will everybody else. It is like a card-house, you see. Pull out one, and the whole tumbles."

"If this thing of merging railroads keeps up and the logical end is reached, it means one-man ownership of railroads. That intolerable condition would necessitate the government buying out the railroads; and government ownership, in my opinion, will be a calamity."

[Mr. Ingalls is not the only prominent railroad man who sees the approach of government ownership, but some of them do not consider it a calamity.—EDITOR AGITATOR.]

Murder.

Industrial Free Press, Winfield.

The following is an Associate Press dispatch of a recent date from Berlin:

"Count von Buelow accidentally—by the slip of the tongue—scratched under the surface of the gloss of friendliness to America, to-day. He had just finished a long speech on the wonderful results of Prince Henry's visit to the United States, and took up the question of the Boers. He assured the reichstag that there was not the slightest likelihood, nor desirability, of Germany taking any steps to interfere in the course of affairs in South Africa. Such a course, said the speaker, was not in accord with German interests and policy. If the government interfered in South Africa, it would have to intervene also in Armenia, the Philippine islands and in Finland."

Stand up, Mr. Republican, and be counted where you belong. In the eyes of the world and of posterity, your murder of Filipinos fighting for liberty will be classed where it belongs—with the murder of the Armenians by the Turks, the Finns by the Russians and the Boers by the British. How do you like the company you are in?

EAT at the RED LIGHT.